

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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NOTICE OF MEETING

PUBLIC BODY: **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

TODAY'S DATE: **September 12, 2005**

MEETING TIME: **Friday, September 30, 2005**
8:30 a.m.

PLACE: **Washoe County Administration Offices**
1001 E. 9th Ninth Street, Bldg. C
Central Conference Room
Reno, Nevada 89502

Don Henderson, Director

AGENDA

The following items will be discussed and acted upon but may be taken in different order to accommodate the interests and time limitations of persons attending:

Call to order by Chairman Benny Romero.

1. **Board Business**
 - A. *Approval of minutes (Foley) (**ACTION**)
 - B. *Goals and Objectives (**INFORMATION**)
 - C. Special Reports
 1. Clarification on current enforcement policies relating to the use of dyed fuel in agricultural operations and in the transport of farm equipment and produce between agricultural properties. Dawn Lietz, Supervising Auditor II., Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles. (**ACTION**)
 2. Review of current fire code requirements relating to hay and fuel storage in

agricultural operations. Chad Hastings, Chief Deputy, State Fire Marshal's Office. **(ACTION)**

D. Employee of the Quarter (Henderson) **(INFORMATION)**

2. **Director's Report** (Henderson)

A. Summary and overview of Department activities. **(INFORMATION)**

1. *Letter to Jose Noriega, District Manager, Santa Rosa Ranger District regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Martin Basin.
2. *Letter from Clark County Emergency Management Office thanking the Department our support and participation in Exercise Rotunda Thunda 2005.
3. *Letter of thanks from Nevada FFA Association.
4. *Resolution adopted by the Board honoring Joe Marvel's induction into the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Hall of Fame.
5. *Letter to Bob Abbey, retired Director of the Bureau of Land Management,

expressing

the Board's and Department's thanks and appreciation during his tenure as Director.

B. Review of current land transfer proposals possibly involving the Reno Livestock Events Center and the UNR Main Station and consideration of responses by the State Board of Agriculture. **(ACTION)**

C. Review of Departmental progress on short-term Board objectives. **(INFORMATION)**

D. Coordination and arrangements for annual evaluation of Director. **(INFORMATION)**

E. *Board review and consideration to appeal BLM water right applications for wildlife by the Battle Mountain Field Office. (McCuin) **(ACTION)**

3. **Division of Administration** (Gimlin)

A. Nevada Employee Action and Timekeeping System (NEATS). (Gimlin) **(INFORMATION)**

B. Critical Business Technology Assessment Program. (Gimlin) **(INFORMATION)**

4. **Division of Resource Protection** (Jensen)

A. Division update. **(INFORMATION)**

5. **Division of Measurement Standards** (Grabski)

A. Update on the status of the gasoline vapor pressure requirement of the 38th parallel. (Miller) **(INFORMATION)**

B. Status of Division's equipment purchases. (Miller) **(INFORMATION)**

C. Status of the Measurement Standards License and Payment Program. (Miller) **(INFORMATION)**

D. Capital improvements projects. (Miller) **(INFORMATION)**

6. **Division of Livestock Identification** (Connelley)

A. Program update. **(INFORMATION)**

7. **Division of Plant Industry** (O'Brien)

A. *Request to adopt permanent amendments to NAC 587.220, fees for the analysis and Testing of seeds. Workshop and hearings were held on Monday, September 26, 2005. Notices were sent to: Alfalfa Seed Advisory Council, Onion & Garlic Advisory Board, Nevada Wildland Seed Association and Nevada Seed Growers in addition to required locations. (Cross) **(ACTION)**

B. *Request to adopt permanent amendments to NAC 555.010 changing the noxious weed list to a tiered system. Workshops and hearings were held on September 7 and 8, 2005. (Rafferty) **(ACTION)**

C. *Request to adopt amendment to NAC 555.035 adding curly dock (*Rumex crispus*) to the Paradise Valley Weed District weed list. Workshops and hearings were held on August 14, 2005. (Rafferty) **(ACTION)**

D. *Request to adopt as permanent, temporary regulations pertaining to producer certificates. The revised regulation limits the Department's role to issuing producer certificates and regulating their use at the point of sale. (McKie) **(ACTION)**

E. Update on hiring Agriculturist II (Cooperative Weed Management Area/Weed Free Forage Coordinator) position for Weed Program. (Rafferty) **(INFORMATION)**

F. Intent to draft policy regarding abatements and begin work on revision of State Weed Law. (Rafferty) **(INFORMATION)**

G. *Adoption of amendments to regulations that pertain to Chapter 586 and 588 of the Nevada Administrative Code (LCB File R087-05) to increase fees for registration of pesticide and fertilizer products in Nevada. (Mason) **(ACTION)**

H. Entomology Report (Knight) **(INFORMATION)**

1. *Mormon crickets
2. *Imported fire ants
3. Other exotic pest trappings

I. *Las Vegas Office Report (Smigel) **(INFORMATION)**

J. *EPA 3rd quarter report (Moses) (**INFORMATION**)

K. *Update and possible request to go to workshop and hearing to adopt planting and harvest season regulations. (O'Brien) (**ACTION**)

8. **Division of Animal Industry** (Thain)

A. Animal disease update. (Thain) (**INFORMATION**)

1. Bovine tuberculosis
2. *West Nile Virus
3. BSE Canadian import rule and National BSE surveillance
4. Johnes
5. Trichomonosis
6. Scrapie

B. *Nevada Premise Registration for Animal ID. (Thain) (**INFORMATION**)

9. **Public Comments**

10. **Travel Claims and Salary**

11. **Date of Next Meeting** (**ACTION**)

12. **Adjournment** (**ACTION**)

Anyone desiring further information or explanation of the above agenda items may call Sandie Foley at (775) 688-1180 x 230 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(* denotes supporting documents in the board packet)

(**ACTION**) indicates that the Board needs to take action on an item. Please note what action is needed by the Board on these items. (**INFORMATION**) indicates an information item for the Board. Chairman Benny Romero has requested very brief reports. Please ensure that ACTION items have accompanying information for the Board to look review.

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